

Abstract

According to the present invention there is provided a process for retarding the discoloration of dicarboxylic acids, said process comprising:

- (a) heating said dicarboxylic acid to a temperature above its melting point;
- (b) adding water to said dicarboxylic acid.

A further aspect of the present invention provides a composition for retarding the discoloration of dicarboxylic acids, said composition comprising 1g, preferably 2.5g, more preferably 5g, of water per 1,000g of dicarboxylic acid. A further aspect of the present invention provides for the use of water to retard the discoloration of dicarboxylic acids, particularly molten dicarboxylic acids.

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